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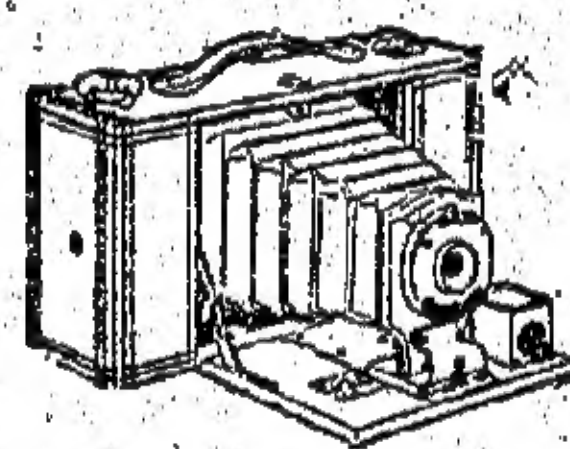


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HONGKONG, MARCH 25TH, 1911.

The latest Home papers afford abundant
evidence of the wide-spread interest which
has been aroused in the provisions of the
Declaration of London. The Hon. Mr.
E. A. HEWITT, as Chairman of the Hong-
kong General Chamber of Commerce, in his
review of the past year's work of the
Chamber at the recent annual meeting of
members, indicated at some length the
leading points on which opposition is
offered by British commercial and shipping
interests to the ratification of the Declara-
tion. Among the Chambers of Commerce
and Shipping in Great Britain opposition is
practically unanimous. But there are two
sides to this as to every other question.
Prominent among supporters of the Declara-
tion outside the Government, is
SIR JAMES MACKAY, whose name is well-
known in the East as the negotiator of
British Commercial Treaty with China in
1903. Sir James MACKAY is one of the
few men who consider that, on the whole,
British shipping stands to gain by the
Declaration of London, but this belief seems
to rest, at least in one important particular,
upon false premises. One of the principal
objections taken to the Declaration is
that if it were to come into effect
and Great Britain were at war with a
continental nation, the curious result of

the articles bearing upon the question of
contraband would be that all foodstuffs
coming to England in neutral vessels would
be liable to capture and destruction, whilst
Britain's enemy would be at liberty to
import foodstuffs, even for the express
purpose of supporting his army, by the
simple device of having them transported
in neutral ships to neutral ports and
then importing them overland. Sir JAMES
MACKAY contends that this is a miscon-
struction of the articles in question,
and his argument, if we understand
it aright, is that foodstuffs may be
conveyed in neutral ships to Liverpool,
Hull or Bristol, or any other commercial port
without molestation so long as the goods
are not addressed to the enemy authorities
or a Government contractor or a fortified
place, or a place serving—that is, at the
moment—as a base. The answer to this
contention is supplied in an able analysis
of the Declaration by Mr. ATHERLEY JONES,
a well-known lawyer, and it may be added
a Liberal M.P., and his contribution to
the discussion happens to be published
in the same issue of the *Times* as
SIR JAMES MACKAY'S letter. Mr. JONES
refers to the commentary by a distinguished
French jurist, which is attached to the
Declaration, as being the commentary by
which the provisions will be construed and
interpreted, and he points out in the course
of his letter that M. RENAUD has defined
the word base to be not merely base of
"operations," but base of "supplies." That
fact at once destroys the argument of Sir
JAMES MACKAY, and detracts immensely
from the assurance which Mr. ASQUITH
recently gave in the House of Commons
that after the Declaration of London is
ratified it will "be impossible, without
a breach of the Declaration, for any Power
to declare all food contraband of war,
when it suits its interest to do so. In
view however, of the attitude of France
and Russia, and Japan in the naval
wars of the last quarter of a century it is
obvious that we must be prepared, either as
neutrals or belligerents to see food treated
as contraband, if the Declaration is not
signed, so that in point of fact the Decla-
ration so far as Great Britain is concerned
would appear to make but very little differ-
ence. In time of war the food supplies of
Great Britain would probably be menaced,
Declaration or no Declaration, and in the
circumstances we are impressed by the
argument that "there is but one unfailing
safeguard, the ability to maintain by
superior naval force free access to our ports
for our own and neutral vessels alike," and
to the extent that international agreement
purporting in whatever degree to confer
immunity on foodstuffs breeds such false con-
fidence they are a deadly snare. Naturally
the average layman whose judgment has
been appealed to on the question is desirous
of knowing the opinions of the Board of
Admiralty as to the effect of the Declara-
tion in a British naval war, and in view of
the strength of the controversy in commer-
cial and shipping circles, it is re-assuring
to learn from Lord MOLLER that the general
opinion of the Admiralty is that the effect
would be "small and inconsiderable." Supported
by such an opinion there would seem to be
little prospect of the Govern-
ment refusing to ratify the Declaration,
though it is premature to prophesy until
the promised debate on the Declaration in
the House of Commons has taken place.

The annual Devonian dinner takes place to-
night at the Hongkong Hotel.

A prisoner, who was committed to prison in
April last for disobeying a banishment order,
died at Victoria Gaol yesterday.

The concert by Mlle. Eva Gauthier, the French
Canadian mezzo-soprano, which was announced
for to-night, has been postponed, as Mlle.
Gauthier has not yet arrived in Hongkong.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Lugard
accompanied by Captain Taylor, A.D.C., and
Captain Simon, Private Secretary, left on a
visit to Canton on Thursday night, travelling
by the Government launch *Stanley*.

Another of the many petty thefts to which
ships in the harbour are subject was exposed
yesterday at the Magistracy when a painter scrapper
on the s.s. *Siberia* was sentenced to four days'
imprisonment and six hours in the stocks for
stealing a zinc plate.

Nine men appeared before Mr. E. R. Hallifax
at the Magistracy yesterday on three charges.
The first was making a false declaration of
particulars as to arms and ammunition on board
a junk on the 18th instant, the second was
being in possession of three muskets, 75 rifle
barrels, and 24 rounds of ammunition without a
licence from the Captain Superintendent of
Police, and the third was anchoring in a
place other than the anchorage for trading
junks. Inspector Langley appeared to prose-
cute, and Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the
defence. The hearing was adjourned, the first
defendant being admitted to bail in the sum of
\$100 and the remainder in the sum of \$20 each.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday
Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., convicted
the master of the licensed steam launch
Swing Sing on a charge of disregarding the
rules of the road in the waters of the Colony.
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on the German mail steamer bound for Europe
were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weir and their
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A lady writing to the *Times* with reference
to an article on eunuchs in which reference is
made to the possibility of treating children medi-
cally for naughtiness says:—"This is actually
done in Japan. I had charge of some Japanese
children, and they proved unmanageable to dis-
cipline, or gave way to prolonged fits of naugh-
tiness, they were taken away for a day or two
and invariably came back to me cheerful and
good-natured. On inquiry I found they had
been massaged either once or twice, and that it
was a very generally practised remedy, all naugh-
tiness being held to proceed from a disordered
stomach."

A plot to assassinate Viscount Termini, the
Governor-General of Chosen (Korea), has
recently been discovered. The ringleader,
a Korean, who is cousin of the assassin of the
late Prince Im, and four accomplices are under
arrest. The arrest of other accomplices, who
are members of the anti-Japanese Association in
the coast province of Eastern Siberia, is
virtually impracticable, so that great difficulty is
experienced in the investigation of the case.
Information has it that the would-be assassin
has been urged by his compatriots to the execu-
tion of the plot in order to give effect to the
will of his cousin.

Military manoeuvres were carried out at
Singapore last week. The general idea was
that Great Britain is at war with a combination
of European Powers. Two hostile transports,
sighted by a cruiser, have been reported in the
Malacca Straits steaming in the direction of
Singapore. The scheme envisaged a landing by
a hostile force, represented by a half battalion
of The Buffs, at some point on the coast during
the night of March 18, the actual point of dis-
embarkation being unknown except to the officer
commanding the raiding force. That portion
of the garrison allotted for the defence of the
land front were to be at certain stations, and
the S. V. Corps were to form a part of this latter
force.

A correspondent of a Peking contemporary
writes:—"The plague seems to be coming on us
from the north-east through the passes of the
Great Wall. A soldier acquaintance of mine
called last Thursday and said that he left Hu
Po K'ou, 220 li north of here, nine days before.
At that time there had been some thirty or forty
deaths in his own camp and many more among
the people around. He said they called it
cholera, but he gave the characteristic symptoms
of the pest. So far as he knew no one had any
idea of isolating the sick, much less contacts.
He said that there was much of it all along
the route through Jehol, at least as far as Pa
Kou. It is to be hoped that the authorities
will take measures to guard the city from that
direction and to keep it beyond the wall if
possible. The task of dealing with the disease
in all that great stretch of interior is certainly
no Herculean one."

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We understand that the meeting of share-
holders in the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.,
which takes place at 11.30 this morning at the
offices of the General Managers, St. George's
Building, will be more than usually interesting.
Matters of considerable interest are coming up
for discussion, and the attendance of share-
holders promises to be very much larger than is
customary.

THE AMATEUR BILLIARD
CHAMPIONSHIP.

MR. H. H. HINDS AN UNSUCCESSFUL
COMPETITOR.

In connection with the qualifying
competition for the London section
of the Amateur Billiard Championships,
the meeting of Mr. E. H. Hinds (formerly
of Hongkong and last year's winner of the
Metropolitan section) and the youthful cousin,
Mr. A. W. Sellar, attracted a good company to
Messrs. Cox and Yeman's Salon, Brompton-road,
S.W. In the opening stages Mr. Sellar, by ex-
cellent play, established a useful lead, breaks of
69 and 37 causing the scores to be called 128-
28 in his favour. Mr. Hinds was some time
in finding his form, and Mr. Sellar, with a
nice run of 38, increased his advantage to
200 points at 305 to 105. Mr. Hinds then
showed improved form, and runs of 45, 24, and
21, to Mr. Sellar's 27, enabled him to make up
much of his heavy. The concluding stages in
the afternoon were very interesting, Mr. Hinds
making 41 and 39 (off the red) and Mr. Sellar
38 and 28 (unsuccessful). Interval score:—Mr.
A. W. Sellar, 502; Mr. E. H. Hinds, 419.
There was a capital tussle at night, Mr. Hinds
totalling 518 to 498, and only suffering defeat
by 65. Mr. Sellar made breaks of 44, 37, 30,
65, and 49, to Mr. Hinds' best of 49, 95, and 54.
Final scores:—Mr. Sellar, 1,000; Mr. Hinds,
937.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE BAGDAD RAILWAY.

LONDON, March 24th.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs, replying to
a question in the House of Commons,
said that any agreement made must
ensure that the Bagdad railway,
including branches, shall be open to
British trade free from preferential
treatment. The British position in the
Persian Gulf in relation to India
must be safeguarded.

THE POSITION IN PERSIA.

LONDON, March 24th.

Referring in the House of Com-
mons to the present position of affairs
in Persia, Sir Edward Grey stated
that the Anglo-Russian Agreement
was no wise detrimental to the in-
dependence and integrity of Persia.
It alone prevented interference in
Persian affairs during all the period
of chaos. So long as Persia convinces
the Government that she is doing her
best to put her house in order they
would not press her with inconvenient
requests nor raise difficulties.

RUSSIAN POLITICS.

LONDON, March 23rd.

M. Stolypin is to remain in office
as the result of pressure applied by
the Tsar and the Dowager-Empress.
This is regarded as strengthening
immensely the hands of the Reform
Party by checking the intrigues of
reactionaries.

PEERAGE FOR MR. HALDANE.

CABINET RECONSTRUCTION.

LONDON, March 23rd.

The Right Hon. Mr. R. B. Haldane,
Minister for War, has been created
a Viscount.

Colonel Seely leaves the office of
Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies to become Under-Secretary
for War.

Lord Lucas, Under-Secretary for
War, goes to the office of Under-
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* Guide to the House
of Commons describes the gentlemen men-
tioned in the following terms:—

Mr. Richard Burdon Haldane has achieved
success as a Minister, no less than that which
he gained by profiting the profession of the
Bar, and, although he has not succeeded in
raising quite the size of an Army that we re-
quire, he has vastly improved the morale of the
land forces, and increased their efficiency during
his four years at the War Office. Born in
Edinburgh in 1856, and of a clever family, he
developed the national taste for metaphysics,
and after a laureate career at Edinburgh Uni-
versity, supplemented by a trip to Göttingen,
translated Schopenhauer, and published "Essays
in Philosophical Criticism." He went to the Bar
in 1879, and has achieved eminence on the
Chancery side, while he has always kept the
House of Commons in mind. He gained an influence in 1885,
and has since that time been in the House of
Commons quite disproporportionately to his
age. Although he is known as a "Liberal," he
is always an active upholder of the Tory
influence, and his industry scarcely contributed
to the comfort of Sir William Sturtevant's brief
leadership. He has explored many regions of
politics in a philosophic spirit, and has many
number of plans in his head for the better
Organisation of the Empire and its inhabitants.
One of the best known relates to the reform of
the House of Lords and the Privy Council, so as
to bring into existence an "Ultimate Court of
Appeal for the Empire." He is one of the
founders of the British Science Guild for the
propagation of exact thinking, and he is alive to
the danger of eroding "work" for the unem-
ployed. He is an authority on explosives, but
he has never been married.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Edward Bernard
Seely is the youngest son of Sir Charles Seely,
and was born in 1868. Educated at Harrow and
Trinity College, Cambridge, he was called to the
Bar at the Inner Temple in 1897. He is a
Colonel in the Hampshire Cavalry, and was
serving with the Imperial Yeomanry in South
Africa, when, in May, 1900, Sir Richard Wether-
ley was raised to the peerage, and a vacancy
occurred in the representation of the Isle of
Wight. In spite of his absence—which doubt-
less made the electoral least grow fonder—and
with the help of his wife (who is the daughter
of Colonel the Hon. H. Crofton), Captain Seely
was then kept the seat for the Unionists at
Tavistock, and returned to the House of Com-
mons as a radical member for the Aber-
deen Division of Liverpool. He is able,
although his style is sometimes a trifle "lucid"
for the House of Commons, and he succeeded
Mr. Churchill as Under-Secretary for the
Colonies in 1908. In January, 1910, he was
elected from Liverpool, and had room made for
him in Tikeston by the retirement of Sir Walter
Foster.

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A JAPANESE LOAN TO CHINA.

PEKING, March 24th.

The Yokohama Specie Bank has
signed an agreement with the
Ministry of Finance for a loan of
10,000,000 yen.

The loan is intended to meet the
deficit in the general expenditure.

Five per cent. bonds of the Ministry
of Finance will be issued in Japan,
independent of the railway security.

It is considered that this loan does
not affect pending loans.

LOCAL SPORT.

FIXTURES AT A GLANCE.

T. LANGRISH CRICKET LEAGUE.

H.K.C.C. (Civilians) v. Garrison.

H.K.C.C. Ground, 2 p.m.

Team.

Civilians:—E. Hancock, H. Hancock, R. E. O.

Bird, T. E. Pearce, H. D. Sharple, C. T.

Hess, A. A. (Laxton), S. S. Moore, Rav. S. W.

Payne, M. M. Mas and D. E. Donnelly.

CRICKET LEAGUE.

The match between E.G.A. and Civil Service

has been cancelled.

SHIELD FOOTBALL (FINAL).

K.O.Y.L.I. v. Naval Yard.

Happy Valley.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial
and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge
with thanks the following donations to the funds
of the Hospitals:—

Colonial Government	\$300
Zoroastrian Charity Fund	100
F. Lieb, Esq.	25
Sir H. Mody, Kt.	25
Yokohama Specie Bank	25
Japan-China-Japan-Lia	25
W. H. Winkler & Co.	25
Sincere & Co.	25
Wing On & Co.	25
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Douglas, Laprak & Co.	25
M. W. Slade, Esq.	20
W. Murray Scott, Esq.	20
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Hon. Mr. E. Osborne	20
Aratoun V. Apeur & Co.	20
Ma Ying, Esq.	20
Frank Graham, Esq.	20
Montague Eds, Esq.	15
Gaupe & Co.	15
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Patell & Co.	15
J. R. Michael & Co.	15
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L. Gibbs, Esq.	10
D. W. Craddock, Esq.	10
A. Becker, Esq.	10
Ma Wing Chan, Esq.	10
A. Rogers, Esq.	10
D. Tompkins, Esq.	10
M. Mohier	10
N. Mody & Co.	10
J. M. Alvis & Co.	10
Weissmann & Co.	10
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Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson	10
Arat & Co.	10
D'Almeida & Smith	10
Agard, J. Brown & Co.	10
Lam Jack Sing	2

SHANGHAI PLAGUE PREVENTION
COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Plague Prevention Com-
mittee, which was held at the German Consulate
General, Shanghai, on Friday last, there were
present, Dr. P. von Buri (Chairman), Messrs.
E. D. H. Fraser, A. Ariyoshi, F. E. Merrill, D.
Londale, J. N. Jameson, Mackay, W. Carlson,
Shen Tan-ho, J. O. Anderson, and Dr. Stanley.
Mr. Ariyoshi stated that he had received an
official report from Port Arthur to the effect
that there was no plague there and that the
same measures were taken against plague
as at Tientsin. He therefore proposed that
Port Arthur be placed on the same footing
as Tientsin as regards vessels coming from
that port. (It will be remembered that corres-
pondence on this subject was printed in the
"Municipal Gazette" of March 16. The Com-
mittee on March 6 was of opinion that it would
not be advisable then to apply the procedure
put in force against ships coming from Tientsin
to ships coming from Port Arthur.) The pro-
posal was now agreed to. Mr. Merrill (Com-
missioner of Customs) read a telegram from the
Minister of Commerce at Chefoo stating that
vessels were not infected and therefore there was
no danger of cargoes conveying the plague.
He read another letter to the same effect
from the Commissioner of Customs, and pro-
posed that vessels from Chefoo whose crews had
not been on shore there, and carrying no
passengers, or only first-class passengers having
certificates endorsed by the Commissioner of
Customs that they had not been exposed to
infection for five days prior to embarkation,
be allowed to come up to Shanghai without
medical examination. This proposal was man-
ifestly agreed to. Mr. Merrill also reported that
he had received reports from Newchwang
and Antung that there was no plague there
and he proposed that these ports be placed on
the same basis as Tientsin and Chinwangtao.
This was agreed to. As to night work, he moved
that in case of vessels coming from Tientsin,
Chefoo and all the other ports which had pre-
viously been fumigated prohibition of unloading
at night might be relaxed at the discretion of
the Harbour Master. This was also agreed to.
It was also decided that through passengers
from Europe in possession of certificates show-
ing that they had not been exposed to infection
be exempted from detention at Tientsin.—N.C.
Daily News.

MOTOR DRIVER CHARGED WITH
MANSLAUGHTER.

At the Magistracy yesterday before Mr. E.
R. Hallifax the hearing of a charge of man-
slaughter against a Filipino named Angel
Henriques was resumed. He was accused of
having on the 20th March, killed a Chinese
named Chan Wai by knocking him down while
driving a motor car. Inspector Robertson
prosecuted.

Dr. Moore stated that deceased died an hour
after admission to the hospital in an uncon-
scious condition. There were signs of fracture
of the base of the skull and there was a maddy
mark on the abdomen which might have been
caused by the wheel of a motor car. A post-
mortem examination showed that the spleen had
been ruptured, the base of the skull fractured in
two places and the brain lacerated. Death was
due to shock.

A Chinese constable testified to seeing the
motor car dash into one of a party of coolies
who had landed at Jardine's wharf. Witnesses
others pulled him from underneath the car. The
car then went on. It was travelling faster than
an electric tram.

After the accident a European got down from
the car, looked at the injured man and then went
on in the car again. The coolies did not try to
get hold of the car.

His Worship commented on the inconsisten-
cies of the evidence given by witnesses, and In-
spector Robertson said witness had not been long
in the force.

P. C. Grant deposed to going to the motor
depot in Des Vaux Road, where he saw the
manager who told him that the reason defendant
did not stop the car was that he was afraid the
coolies would attack him and the passengers in
the car advised him to go on. Witness then
arrested defendant.

Defendant stated that on the afternoon in
question the car was only going about four or
five miles an hour along Connaught Road. He
was blowing the horn when he saw deceased
about two yards away. Deceased was crossing
the road in such a way that he was making
straight for the car. He was running without
looking. When witness pulled up the car
deceased was underneath. The car stopped
about ten minutes, during which time
the passenger got down and saw to
the deceased. A constable then took the
number of the car and, on the advice of his
passenger, he proceeded. Witness afterwards
told his master what had occurred.

A Chinese boy, who was in the car at the time
of the accident, said when the horn was sounded
all the coolies with the exception of deceased
stopped where they were, but deceased continued
to run on, and the driver seeing this at once
stopped the car, but it was too late, as deceased
had come in contact with the car.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday
afternoon in order that further witnesses for
the defence might be called. Bail was fixed at
\$500.

A CHINESE PRISON.

The *Peking Daily News* publishes the follow-
ing letter from the Rev. Frank L. Norris, of
Peking:—

Sir,—May I ask for space in your paper to
ventilate a grievance on behalf of some who
have no means of making the complaint heard
otherwise? Yangchow is a district town fifty
miles south of Peking, its magistracy is under
the Shun-tien-fu. Rumours reached us
the other day of several suspicious deaths,
chiefly in the goal of the Yamen. Being not
naturally anxious to ascertain if these were
due to the plague, we were very glad to be able
to send down a competent English doctor, Dr.
Rivington, to investigate. He returned to
Peking and reported that the deaths in
question were not due to plague, but to a very
infectious and severe form of influenza,
brought on by the extremely insanitary condition
of the Yamen Gaol. The Magistracy sur-
veyed the prisoners' quarters. There were three rooms.
In one, on the kang, was a wooden cage with
8 or 9 men in it, all crowded together and not
allowed out for any purposes. In another,
a similar cage with only seven men, but one of
them ill with this complaint. In the third
room (about ten feet by eighteen) there was a
kang at one end and eleven men on it. They
were all utterly filthy; five of them were sick
with the complaint; others had been ill and one
had died; one was covered with abscesses, three
were shivering with cold, and all were miser-
ably weak.

He learnt that the sickness had been prevalent
about three weeks, some of those who had fallen
sick had been sent home; several had died, and
in more than one case they had given the in-
fection to their relations who had likewise
died.

It is possible, sir, to induce the authorities
to make some reforms in this matter? I am
informed that a special commissioner was sent
down the other day from the Shun-tien-fu to
investigate, I believe—who said the mat-
ter was quite unimportant, and advised that
no foreign medicine be allowed to the sick,
and who expressed his opinion that
nothing need be done. But surely one thing
could be done at once, and ought to be done:
the goal buildings should be pulled down and
new and clean ones put up. Not to do that
now, in this case, is to commit foul murder in
the name of Law

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, March 24th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

Before His Honour Mr. F. A. HAZELAND
(ACTING PUISNE JUDGE).

A SCHOOL TEACHER'S CLAIM.

The case was again mentioned in which Thomas O'Kane sued the Anglo-Chinese Education Trust Co., Ltd., to recover \$400.80.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, who appeared for the plaintiff, asked his Lordship to fix an early date.

His Lordship—Is it a short case?

Mr. Otto Kong Sing (for the defendants)—I don't think it will take long.

His Lordship (to Mr. Gardiner)—You go on at your own risk. You run the risk of having your suit dismissed.

Mr. Gardiner—Quite so.

His Lordship fixed the hearing for Wednesday, 29th instant.

CLAIM FOR MONEY LENT.

Action was brought by Ng Un Chuen against To Tien to recover an amount due for money lent.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, who appeared for plaintiff, asked his Lordship to fix a day, as it was a short case.

His Lordship—What is the action?

Mr. Almeida—The claim is for money lent.

His Lordship—Such cases usually take a very long time. It might be advisable to adjourn it for a week so that the parties can come to terms about instalments.

Mr. Almeida—My client objects to instalments.

His Lordship adjourned the case for a week to give the parties an opportunity to come to terms.

AN ESTATE IN DIFFICULTIES.

Three actions were filed against the Kwong Shing Loo firm in which the plaintiffs claimed a total of \$689.18.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida, who represented the defendants, asked his Lordship to direct a stay of proceedings, as the Official Receiver had applied that morning for the estate to be administered in bankruptcy.

Mr. Lewis (for plaintiffs)—Perhaps your Lordship will adjourn the cases for a week?

His Lordship—Yes.

A SLANDER ACTION.

His Lordship delivered his reserved decision in the action brought by Wong Tsz Kin, gentleman, against Chui Mui Tai, spinster, to recover \$1,000 for alleged slander.

The statement of claim set forth that the plaintiff suffered damage through the defendant falsely and maliciously speaking words which meant, "You think you are very respectable, but in the middle of the night you broke into your mother's room and stole a trunk of clothing."

There was a counter-claim by defendant against the plaintiff and his wife for the return of certain articles of jewellery lent by her to the first defendant for the use of the second defendant which had been converted to their own use by the defendants. Failing the return of the articles she claimed for their value, \$465.90.

Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings & Hastings, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Roeder Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, appeared for the defendant.

His Lordship said, with respect to the slander, that the sole question was for him to fix the damage, and he fixed the amount at \$150. With reference to the counter-claim, his decision was in favour of the defendant for the simple reason that he believed her story to be the true one. His Lordship disbelieved the plaintiff's story entirely, while the evidence of the aunt with respect to the bangle which she stated she lent to the defendant created a very unfavourable impression in his mind. He believed the defendant's story entirely. He did not propose to belabour the question of the evidence, but as he was satisfied that defendant's story was true, judgment would be in her favour. There would be judgment for the plaintiff on the claim for \$150, and on the counter-claim he would make an order for the return of the goods mentioned therein, or in default thereof judgment would be made for costs on the counter-claim. The action against Wong Ya Shi (plaintiff's wife) would be dismissed with costs.

THE HANYANG NEEDLE FACTORY

CLOSED DOWN.

The *Hankow Daily News* says:—

As we intimated recently, the Hanyang Needle Factory has closed down, and a venture upon which many thousands of tons was most unwise spent is now probably doomed to pass into oblivion.

Residents in Hankow will remember perhaps how, when the needle factory was first opened by the Government, considerable ado was made and much prophesying indulged in—it was hoped the venture would prove a successful financial speculation. The latest British machinery was laid in, experts from home were brought out, the wealth of the gods was lavished upon the undertaking to bring it up to date and every one was optimistic until a start was made. Then it was found that the concern was destined to be a mere loss, in which only the Chinese were to have power. Men brought out from home presumably to hold posts were given no power whatever, "queening" thrived magnificently, one by one the Europeans left for home, until at last the crash came, and we understand the last European has now left for home and the place is closed down.

As this was a Government speculation, it is surely the duty of the authorities to make enquiries into the matter. Thousands of pounds of public money has been wasted, the gross mismanagement is reported, and altogether the Hanyang Needle Factory is a flagrant sample of Chinese bungling, notorious only for showing most pointedly how needle factories should not be run. We have before seen the Hanyang Needle Factory quoted by writers on Chinese reform as a sample of what China can do!

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS.]

BARON SWAYTHLING'S WILL.

London, March 24th.

Baron Swaythling left £1,150,000.

London, March 25th.

Lord Swaythling left £500 for starting various Jewish charities, and the remainder to his family. Requests are made to his children contingent on their professing the Jewish religion and marrying Jews.

A codicil directs that two of his six daughters shall leave three-fourths of their interest if they assist in the movement of liberal Judaism.

ABANDONING THE SAXONY ARMS.

London, March 24th.

King George has ordered arms representing the Principality of Wales to replace the arms of the House of Saxony for the Prince of Wales' escutcheon.

MORMONISM IN ENGLAND.

London, March 24th.

Mr. Winston Churchill, replying to questions, said that he was seriously enquiring into the propagation of Mormonism at Liverpool.

ANTI-GAMBLING AND BOOKMAKING BILL IN HOLLAND.

London, March 24th.

The Hague Bill dealing with betting and bookmakers is being keenly opposed at Middleburg and Flushing, where English bookmakers who have evaded the English restrictions employ large staffs and contribute largely to local revenue.

Petitions are being presented urging the First Chamber to reject the measure.

THE HOME RULE UNION REVIVED.

London, March 24th.

The Home Rule Union has been revived under the presidency of Mr. Winston Churchill. The Union is organising a campaign of two thousand meetings throughout Great Britain.

THE FINAL INTER-DOMINION TEST MATCH.

London, March 24th.

Reuter wires from Sydney that Australia won the fifth Test Match by seven wickets.

The South Africans, who followed on, completed their second innings for 401. In the first they scored 160.

The Australian's scores were 364 and 198 for three wickets.

THE DAVIS LAWYER TENSIS CUP.

London, March 24th.

In the draw made for the lawn tennis contest for the Davis Cup, America plays South Africa, and the winner plays England. The match must be played off in time to permit of a challenge round against Australasia, the holder, to be played off in New Zealand in December.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF UGANDA.

London, March 24th.

Mr. Frederick John Jackson, C.B., C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of East Africa, has been appointed Governor of Uganda.

ANOTHER GOLD FIND IN WEST AUSTRALIA.

London, March 24th.

The West Australian Mines Department has received a report of a find at the Yilgum gold fields of a hole ten feet wide—the walls not touched—whose assays from 2½ to 3½ ounces, averaging 4 ounces.

GALA PERFORMANCE IN LONDON.

London, March 24th.

The King has commanded a dramatic entertainment at Drury Lane on May 17th in honour of the German Emperor and Empress.

The same programme as at the Coronation gala performance at His Majesty's Theatre will be gone through.

GERMANY AND THE VATICAN.

Berlin, March 24th.

A debate took place in the Prussian Diet yesterday on the relations between Prussia and the Vatican.

In the course of a speech Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Prussian Premier, said that the recent coronation of the Roman Curia, especially the imposition of the anti-modernist oath on Catholic professors, had roused profound feeling in Germany. He had informed the Curia that responsibility for conflicts which might arise would fall on the Vatican alone. The pronouncements of the Pope had not conducted to peace between the Church and the State, but the Government would persevere and was maintaining the Prussian Legation at the Vatican in the hope that the present situation was merely transitory.

THE CORONATION AND THE TROOPS.

London, March 24th.

Lord Kitchener has been appointed to command the troops in London at the Coronation.

KING GEORGE'S VISIT TO INDIA.

London, March 24th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that the King will be absent on his visit to India probably from the middle of November until the end of January.

LORD KITCHENER AS FARMER.

Nombas, March 24th.

Speaking at a luncheon at Nakuru, Sir Edward Grey mentioned that Lord Kitchener was so struck with the prospects of the Protectorate that he had applied for land and was returning later in the year to develop it.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF MR. ASQUITH'S DAUGHTER.

London, March 24th.

Mr. Asquith has suddenly left for Lutterbrunnen, where his daughter, Elizabeth, is ill with double pneumonia.

A POLICE "OFF-DUTY" CELEBRATION.

The police practice dances were brought to a conclusion at the West Point Police Station last night by a fancy dress ball. But the ball was significant of more than the end of the dancing season. It was also made the occasion of a "farewell" to Inspector Robertson, who is leaving for home on pension. The combined functions were celebrated last night, and while the last dance of the season would have attracted a large crowd, there can be no doubt that the exceptionally large number in attendance was partially due to the desire of those present to embrace the opportunity to take public leave of Inspector Robertson and his wife, who could claim a long-standing friendship with most of those present. In addition to the Oriental dances were there were dances given by the backwoodsmen, Continental fisher girls, Scots lasses, Kings of diamonds, clowns and others. Altogether, the various costumes made a picturesque scene, and the care the police took of their guests, and their unbounded hospitality, left nothing to be desired to make the evening what it proved to be—an unqualified success.

THE LIAO RIVER.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT AT NEW-CHWANG.

The present commercial importance of the Liao River, which joins the sea near Newchwang, or Yinkow, as it is called, is seriously threatened by diversion of its trade to the South Manchurian Railway owing to difficulties of navigation, while the depth across the bar at Newchwang is not sufficient except for coasting vessels. Newchwang is the principal port for the soya bean industry, and immediate improvements to the river both at this port and along its navigable course are therefore necessary—a fact of which both British and Chinese merchants are well aware. Schemes for such improvements have been considered, and a Special Correspondent of *The Times*, recently at Newchwang, obtained the following data in relation to such improvements:—

The Liao River rises in Mongolia some 150 miles north-west of Shantung, and pursues an extremely tortuous course till it joins the sea near Newchwang. It is navigable from Tan-chungling for native boats for a distance of over 500 miles (though only 180 miles as the crow flies), or 11 days boat journey to Newchwang.

The upper part of the river is obstructed by numerous shoals and sandbanks, and owing to this it is only navigable for small boats after heavy rains melting snows; but notwithstanding these difficulties an enormous trade was formerly carried by it, 40,000 junks having been employed at one time in carrying boats and other produce to Newchwang. The river at the place where navigation is first possible is 100 ft. wide, extending to a width of 1,600 ft. at Newchwang, where its waters are tidal.

The port of Newchwang for many years has been the principal place for the shipment of beans from North China, but its trade has been relatively diminished lately owing to the completion of the South Manchurian Railway with the river traffic and the superior facilities offered by the port of Dairen for ocean-going steamers, the depth across the bar at Newchwang not being sufficient for any but coasting vessels.

DEEPENING THE CHANNEL.

The new direction the bean trade has taken in exports to Europe direct, besides its diversion for local consumption in Chinese and Japanese ports, also threatens to remove the export trade entirely from Newchwang. To obviate this the local Chambers of Commerce, supported by the works of deepening the bar and improving the channel of the river in its upper reaches.

As regards the bar, following the course of the river from a point near Duck Island bend down to the sea, it will be seen that deep water varying from 24 ft. to 40 ft. at low tide extends all the way till the channel, on the west side of the river opposite the Flag Staff, begins to be reached. Here it shoals suddenly from 22 ft. to 16 ft., and even to 10 ft. opposite the entrance. A few words it does not regain its depth for nearly a mile, when it approaches the Middle Bank beacon. From thence onwards for a distance of about five miles it deepens again to about 25 ft. at low tide, till a point is reached opposite another channel opening in a southerly direction between the middle and main banks. Here it shoals rapidly to 10 ft., 8 ft., and 7 ft., and continues at about that depth for another four miles, when it joins the sea in 20 ft. of water at low tide.

The bar proper may be considered as about a mile in width with 7 ft. to 8 ft. depth at low tide, with a hard bottom composed of fine sand mixed with shells. The water rises about 12 ft. at spring tides, so that in ordinary spring tides there is scarcely sufficient depth for vessels of the river to have for its object the provision of deeper water at the entrance in order that larger ships may be able to come in.

The first and most important work of improvement to the Liao will be to deepen the river across the bar from near the junction with the South Channel to the sea, increasing the depth by 5 ft. This will be done by means of dredging with a suction cutting dredge. The rough water prevailing on the bar will no doubt cause much delay and be an impediment to continuous working, but the conditions are no worse than in many other instances where bars have been removed by this means.

The cost of the bar improvement and certain defensive works to prevent erosion at Duck Island bend will be defrayed by a small increase of Customs and shipping duties.

Though these works will be of incalculable advantage to the port in enabling it to keep its share of the trade, yet they will be of little use unless the upper river is also put in order, and this work is being taken in hand by the Imperial Chinese Government at its own expense, a special grant being made for the purpose.

THE SHWANGTAITZE CHANNEL.

One of the principal of these works of the upper river is the reconstruction of what is known as the Shwangsaitze Channel, a new course direct to the sea which was cut out by the Liao River during severe floods some 12 years ago. It starts from a place called Tang-Ching Wo-Pu, some 85 miles above Newchwang, and passes out to the sea below Shwangsaitze village—a distance of about 60 miles from where the stream bifurcates, 90 miles from Newchwang. It began as an insignificant drain, and has gone on increasing in size year by year till it has become the main river, 66 per cent. more water going down that way than via Newchwang, the new course being 500 ft. wide and much deeper than the Liao. This river was abstracting so much water from the Liao and increasing quantity as to render navigation extremely difficult at all seasons and impossible for a greater part of the year. In this way Newchwang was threatened with the loss of the river traffic on which it depends for its existence.

It was resolved, therefore, partially to close the Shwangsaitze branch by building a weir across it so that no water could go down that way till there was a main depth of 4 ft. in the Liao at the bifurcation. In this way sufficient depth would be maintained in the Liao for native boats from there to Newchwang. The weir has been built on a diversion, a bend of the river being taken advantage of for this purpose, and it is very solidly constructed of rubble masonry in Portland cement mortar. It is provided with two sluices for the benefit of people who wish to give them a certain amount of water in the driest season. The other obstruction to the river are being dealt with by dredging.

It has been exceedingly fortunate that at this critical period of its affairs Newchwang has had the advantage of a capable and energetic Chinese official as Tsoi or local governor, Mr. C. L. Chow, and it is owing to the support given by him that these works are being carried out effect.

The works are designed and are being executed by Mr. W. E. Hughes, M. Inst. C.E.—*The Times*.

HIS MAJESTY'S CORONATION. NATIONAL ANTHEM: ANOTHER VERSE.

A set of Coronation hymns, published by Messrs. Skeffington, has been submitted to His Majesty the King and Queen, who have graciously accepted their dedication. There are ten hymns in all, with words written by the Bishop of Durham, the Dean of Westminster the Rev. S. Baring Gould, Canon A. C. Ainger, and others. The musical setting has been supplied by Sir Frederick Bridge, Sir George Martin, Sir Walter Parratt, Sir George Elvey, Sir John Stiel, and a few musicians besides including Mr. Martin S. Skeffington, who has in one case supplied an alternative version to the music of Sir Frederick Bridge. To these hymns we will come presently. Meanwhile it is interesting to notice that Mr. Martin Skeffington has supplied a new verse for the National Anthem. The familiar, much-loved, but somewhat imperishable poem which we call "God Save the King" has often been amended and corrected—not probably, would be attempted to alter the melody, which has been composed by John Bull, Mus.D., in 1766, for a dinner given to James I., at Morabath Taylor's Hall, for that melody has not only become part and parcel of our national life, but has, as everyone knows, been adopted for the German National Anthem ("Heil dir im Siegerkranz"), and also for the Danish. But the text of the hymn is undoubtedly capable of some emendations. The new verse for the National Anthem by Mr. Martin S. Skeffington runs thus:

With England's Crown to-day
We hail our King, and pray
God save the King!

Guide him in happiness,
Guard him in storm and stress,
Then in Thy kingdom bless
And crown our King!

Among the more important features of the new edition are the hymn written by the Bishop of Durham and the Dean of Westminster's Coronation Hymn. In both cases the music has been supplied by Sir Frederick Bridge, who has used simple and steady chords so as to make the whole composition widely popular, as well as effective. Some of the Bishop of Durham's verses read very well, being replete with dignity and power:

Lo, the King in state and splendour
Bears the Crown upon his brow;
Chiefs and Princes homage render,
Kneeling for the knightly vow;
Lord of Lords, be his defender,
Save him ever, save him now.

And there is much that is both well conceived and well expressed in the following:

Stead and arduous is the glory
Symbol'd by the regal gold;
Endless service is its story,
Toil and vigil manifold.

The Dean of Westminster's hymn is, perhaps, more ambitious, and written in a more complex metre. With a good deal of eloquence the Dean describes some of the ceremonies in the Coronation Service, drawing, of course, the appropriate moral, as, for instance, in the following:—

His head, heart, hands, Thy union over-
flowing,
Hallows him now to sit upon his throne;
Consecrate him strength and government be-
stowing.
Making his kingship shadow forth Thine own.

Thy holy oil his face shall cheer,
And fill him with Thy holy fear.

But no hymn in the series is worthier notice than that composed by Canon Ainger, and set to music by Sir Walter Parratt. It opens with the following quatrain:

O God, Who, in the days of old,
Didst raise up David from the fold;
Who didst to David's son impart
A wise and understanding heart—

In simplicity and force, and in that rhythmic ease which every good hymn should possess, no part of the collection attains a greater measure of success than this. Some years ago, the story goes, three or four learned men, including Professor Jowett, determined to make a selection of hymns, which should be as good as a literary point of view as they were from the doctrinal. After some time the collaborators met only to find that each had chosen but one hymn, and that the same—the splendid poem, "O God, our help in ages past," which was clearly served as examples for the hymn of Dr. Ainger.

It is unnecessary, perhaps, to go through the various items in the new collection, for each one possesses a full right to appear in a service of praise designed to honour the King. We will only add that one or two of the hymns are especially suitable to be sung by children. For instance, there is the following, the words of which are by the Rev. George Ellerton, and the music by Sir John Stainer:

English people, lift your voices
To our Father's throne on high!
Many a land to-day rejoices
Many a coast prolongs the cry—
God save the King!

Dusky Indian, strong Australian,
Western forest, Southern sea,
None are wanting, none are alien,
All in one great prayer agree—
God save the King!

We have quoted the first two out of six spirited and well-written verses.—*Daily Telegraph*.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

A circular despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies published in the *Government Gazette* of the Straits Settlements states:—

"I have the honour to inform you that it is the wish of His Majesty the King that his birthday should be officially celebrated in his dominions beyond the seas on the actual date of the anniversary, viz., June 3."

LORD CREWE'S ILLNESS.

Sir Victor Horeley was called in to attend on Lord Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the 24th inst.

A bullet was issued stating that Lord Crewe is suffering from inflammation of the brain, but is steadily progressing towards recovery. Consequently, however, will necessarily be short.

In the House of Lords, Lord Ampthill in the absence of Lord Lansdowne, who was suffering from a cold, expressed the deep regret of the Opposition at the cause of Lord Crewe's absence. Circumstances, Lord Ampthill said, had imposed an intolerable burden of work and responsibility on Lord Crewe, and everyone admitted the great gallantry, devotion and cheerful equanimity with which he bore it until his health and strength failed. He hoped that his absence would be brief.

Lord Morley said that his side of the House was most grateful for Lord Ampthill's tribute. The House knew how deeply the Ministerial staff felt the prospect of Lord Crewe's absence. There never was a time when the absence of a leader of his quality was a greater loss to the House.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth in their weekly share report dated 24th March state:—

During the past week our market has ruled more or less inactive, and there is little of importance to report either in respect of local stocks or "Rubber". Pine Hard Para Rubber after declining to 6/3½ per lb. in London, advanced to 6/8 yesterday, but is again lower today at 6/6 per lb. with sellers prevailing. There is no change in the Bank of England and open market rates of discount, which remain at 3 per cent. and 2½ per cent. respectively. Bar Silver close at 21½d. per oz. steady, and T. T. on London at 1/3½d. The T. T. rate on Shanghai is unchanged at 7/8.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been booked at \$893 and \$885, closing with buyers at the former rate and probable small sellers at the latter. London comes somewhat lower at \$84 10/16. Nationals continue in request at \$80.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have hardened and can now be placed at \$840. The Society announces that, subject to audit, the directors will recommend that a final dividend of \$20 per share be paid for account 1909, making \$50 per share for the year, an interim dividend of \$30 per share for 1910, and a bonus of 20 per cent. on contributory premium. They will further recommend that \$10,000 be passed to Sterling Reserve Fund, leaving \$481,000 to be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account, thus closing the account for 1909. China Traders have also advanced, and can now be placed at \$120. Subject to audit the directors of this Company will recommend that a final dividend of \$4 per share be paid for account 1909, making \$7 for the year, an interim dividend of \$4 per share for 1910, and a bonus of 20 per cent. on contributory premium. They will further recommend that \$10,000 be passed to Sterling Reserve Fund, leaving \$225,558.20 to be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense account, thus closing the account for 1909. Cantons have been booked at \$180 and North China at \$155, the latter closing with buyers in the North at \$153.

FRUIT INSURERS.—China have again been done at \$119, closing steady. Hongkong can be obtained at \$335, but have not been dealt in during the interval.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao are procurable at \$293 after small sales at somewhat under this figure. Indo-China continue in request at \$60 for preferred and deferred combined, and there are buyers also of China and Manila at \$84. Douglas are quiet at \$19, and Star Ferries at \$23 and \$12 for the old and new issues respectively. Shell Transports have advanced to 90/ buyers, but no business has transpired.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been sold at \$103 and \$103½, market closing with buyers at \$103 and sellers at \$105. Lunsans after sales at \$20 close in further request.

MINING.—Chinese Engineerings are slightly lower with sales at \$15, 12½ and probable further sellers. Rums and Charbonnages are unchanged at last week's quotations and without local business.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Wharves Docks have been neglected during the interval, and close with sellers at \$54. Kowloon Wharves after further sales at \$52 down to \$50 close with sellers at the former rate. New Amoy Docks, Shanghai Docks, and Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are unchanged and without local business.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have been booked at \$94½, and Kowloon's Estates at \$65. Kowloon Lands are easier with sales at \$51. West Point continues in request at \$46 and Hongkong Hotels at \$106 and \$65 for old and new issues respectively. Shanghai Lands have advanced in the North to \$11½.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong have again been sold at \$6 and continue on offer. Sany-Chess are slightly lower at \$11. 22½, but otherwise the Northern quotations are unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Boreons have advanced to \$11, but at this rate there are sellers. At the forthcoming meeting of shareholders the General Managers and Consulting Committee of this Company will recommend that a dividend of \$1 per share for 1910 be paid, absorbing \$46,000, that \$8,000 be written off, \$5,000 of Engineering Works, \$5,000 of Plant, \$2,879.94 of Hongkong Saw Mills, and \$1,500.75 of Timber Consignment. In addition to the above provision for depreciation it is proposed to apply the reserve fund of \$40,000 to the further writing off of the value of the Hongkong Saw Mills, which will then stand at \$1,000.00. China Providents have been booked at \$7½, and Green Island Cements at \$23.50 to \$25.50, the latter closing with small buyers at \$24.00. Ropes are on offer at \$17½ and Watson's at \$7. Steam Landry have improved to \$6½ with sales and buyers. Earthenware is easier in the North with sales at \$11½.

RUBBERS.—The following are closing quotations—middle prices—received from London by wire to-day:—

Highlands and Lowlands ... 110/6
Leadbays ... 74/3
London Asiatics ... 13/6
London Ventures ... 4/-
United Serdangs ... 110/-
Allagars ... 5/-
Bata Tigas ... 25/6
Sapongas ... 61/3
Lingris ... 61/3
Eastern and International Trusts 13/- prem.

POPPY CULTIVATION IN CHINA.

Mr. Lloyd (Staffordshire, W. Opp.) in the House of Commons on the 16th inst. asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he had any recent information respecting the decrease of poppy growth in China, and in which province was the decrease, if any, most marked.

Sir E. Grey—Sir Alexander Hosie, who is now making a tour of inspection in the provinces of China, reports that so far as his information goes poppy cultivation has ceased in Shansi and has been reduced by 30 per cent. in Kansu. In

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG FOOTBALL SHIELD.

FINAL TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 25th inst. at 4.30 p.m., at CLAN GROUND, NAVAL YARD, KOWLOON. Admission: China and Grand Stand \$1. Open Stand 50 cents. Members and their Lady Friends free on production of tickets. H. L. O. GARRETT. Hongkong, 25th March, 1911. [51]

NOTICE.

COMPRADORE REQUIRED.

A European Firm requires a COMPRADORE of good standing in its Canton Branch. Security \$100,000 at the least in Hongkong Property. Apply in writing marked "COMPRADORE" to DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON, 1, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong. Hongkong, 25th March, 1911. [52]

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YOUNG MAN (British) desires position as Assistant in Skiagraphy and Electro-Therapy or as Hospital Dispenser of Medicines, but willing to take up any other position capable of doing the duty. Willing to proceed to any country or district any part of country. Apply to—Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 25th March, 1911. [53]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at St. George's Building, Canton Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the Twenty-fourth day of June, 1911, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolutions, the following Resolutions, that is to say:—

- That the Company be wound-up voluntarily, and that ARTHUR RYLANDS LOWE, Chartered Accountant, of Thorne's Chambers, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3, and St. George's Building, Hongkong, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding-up.
 - That the Liquidator be authorised to pay out of the funds of the Company a sum not exceeding \$100,000 as compensation to members of the Company's staff.
- Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.
- Dated Fifteenth day of March, 1911.
By Order of the Board,
J. SCOTT HARSTON, Chairman.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from W. G. HUMPHREYS, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1911, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Residence, No. 2, The Peak (Quarantine), 2 minutes walk from the Tram terminus on the Road to the flagstaff.

THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—SILK TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, LEA and OCCASIONAL TABLE, FINE CANTON BLACKWOOD CABINETS, TABLES and JAPANESE STANDS, ENGRAVINGS, VASES and ORNAMENTS, &c. &c. TEAK SIDEBOARD, DINNER WAGON, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, CHAIRS, CARPETS, RUGS, COUNTERS, GLASS, CUTLERY and CROCKERY WARE, &c. &c.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 25th March, 1911. [505]

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Hongkong, 25th March, 1911. [506]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Office of the General Managers, St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 25th day of March, 1911, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1910, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 20th day of March, 1911, until SATURDAY, the 25th day of March, 1911, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 25th March, 1911. [450]

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, at 12.15 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1911, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1910, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th March to 28th March, both days inclusive.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LTD., W. G. DABRY, General Manager. Hongkong, 9th March, 1911. [423]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th April, 1911, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1910, and declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 16th April to the 26th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1911. [492]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th April, 1911, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1910, and of declaring Dividends, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th April to 26th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1911. [493]

INTIMATIONS

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 25th March, at 8 o'clock p.m. Members and Devotees wishing to attend are requested to send their names to M. S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1911. [401]

SOCIETE DES PULPES ET PAPIERES DU TONKIN.

CONFORMABLEMENT with the Articles of Association the FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 21 rue Jules Ferry, Hanoi, on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1911, at 2 o'clock p.m.

For the Board of Directors,
T. F. HOUGH, Chairman. Hongkong General Purpose Committee. Hongkong, 13th March, 1911. [459]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE NINETEENTH DRAWING of SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hongkong Club (1895 issue, \$100.00 each) was held in the Hongkong Club House, on FRIDAY, the 17th March, 1911, when the following Debentures were drawn for Redemption:—

68	411	805	1282	1615
91	538	815	1287	
103	589	843	1325	1720
131	598	864	1326	1742
153	610	921	1335	1759
199	660	926	1421	1795
229	666	930	1451	1801
281	677	991	1458	1809
282	707	1017	1559	1827
320	753	1030	1587	1839
321	773	1088	1593	1851
346	774	1176	1600	1851
405	801	1252	1610	1923

and will be Payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1911, in Exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,
JAMES CRAIK, Secretary. Hongkong, 17th March, 1911. [464]

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE DINNER.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of Members of the above Universities will be held on SATURDAY, April 1st, at 7.45 p.m., in the Hongkong Club. Members intending to dine are requested to notify either of the Undersigned.

P. W. GOLDING (Oxford).
H. L. O. GARRETT (Cambridge). Hongkong, 20th March, 1911. [469]

AUCTIONS

AUCTION OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

M. R. GEO. P. LAMMERT has received instructions from the Mortgagees to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 25th March, 1911, at 3 p.m., in his Sales Room, Duddell Street, three-fifths of the piece of land registered in the Land Office Nos. 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577 and 1578 of Survey District 2 and Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Survey District 3, in the New Territory together with Five Houses thereon. The total area contains 713,076 square feet leased from the Government for a term of 75 years at the annual rent of \$92.76 with the option of renewal for a further term of 24 years. It is situated next to Tai Wan Harbour, Kowloon.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to—

"GEO. P. LAMMERT," Hongkong, 15th March, 1911. [448]

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 27th day of March, 1911, at 11 a.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Kennedy Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Area in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Approximate Area in Acres.
Lot No. 101.	Between Kennedy Road and the New Territory.	139' 120' 07' 87'	11,640 50 1,748		

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from W. KING, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th March, 1911, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at his Residence, No. 1, Magdalen Terrace, Magazine Gap,

THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—UPHOLSTERED ARMCHAIRS, MATSEAN, ENGRAVINGS, TEAK OVERMANTLES, CARPETS, RUGS, BRASS FIRE IRONS, &c. &c.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 24th March, 1911. [493]

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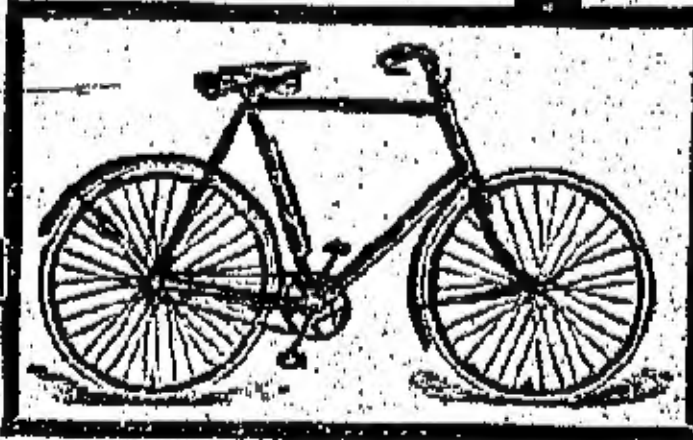
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A FIREPROOF BOX.

A new French case for protecting money, jewels and important papers from fire consists of two asbestos boxes of different size, one being placed within the other and prevented from touching by a number of asbestos blocks. The poorly conducting asbestos and the insulating air space combine to keep the inner box quite cool, while the outer one is strongly heated.

DAZZLING LIGHTS HARMFUL.

The glare of artificial lights has been found by Prof. Gariel, of Paris, to be far more injurious to the eyes than their ultra-violet rays. He urges that the shades used should not only cut out the ultra-violet rays but should diffuse the light so that it will show no dazzling spots to the eyes.

TYPHOID AND FLOODS.

Typhoid fever and other epidemics prove to be diminished by floods, instead of being increased, as has been supposed. The former conclusion has been reached by Jacques Bertillon, a French investigator, after a study of the effects of the great 1910 inundation of Paris and of serious floods in a number of other European cities. Aside from the cleansing action of the water, however, it is probable that after disasters health officers give more thorough attention than ordinarily to disinfection and to isolating cases of disease. Comparing the flooded sections of Paris with those not reached by water, it was found that typhoid fever was rather more prevalent in the latter, and in 54 flooded areas there were 44 deaths in 13 weeks before the flooding and only 24 in the same number of weeks following. In 10 floods in Dresden and 6 in Vienna no increase of typhoid resulted.

TUNNEL WALL LAID BY ROSE.

Encasing a tunnel lining with grouting from a flexible hose has been successfully tried on a Swiss railway. A mixture of 162 pounds of Portland cement to 9 gallons of water was used in a cylindrical vessel holding about 80 gallons, the cement being kept stirred by a hand-revolving paddle, and compressed air at about 78 pounds per square inch was admitted to the cylinder through a pipe entering the top. The lining being perforated with 7 to 9 holes, the water back of it was forced out by a strong blast of air. The cement mixture was then forced through the hose into these holes by the air pressure in the cylinder, and on hardening made the lining quite watertight.

INCREASING INTEREST IN ASTRONOMY.

The astronomical observatories are found by a British astronomer to have increased from 60 officially recognized in 1859 to 330 at the present time. Of these now existing, the United States and the British Empire have 158; Germany, 31; Austria, 16; Italy, 16; Russia, 14; France, 12; and the remainder are scattered in Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Finland, Holland, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the South American republics. The Northern Hemisphere has 12 times as many as the Southern.

PIERS SUNK BY PILE-DRIVE.

The novel plan of sinking concrete piers by means of the old pile-driver seems to have given satisfaction to French Government engineers and others. It is called the "Compressor" system, and is used for preparing solid foundations in loose earth for buildings, bridges, etc. The ground around is consolidated as the sustaining piers are sunk. A conical steel mass, called the "perforator," somewhat less than 3 feet in diameter at the base and rather more than 2 tons in weight, is used in an ordinary pile-driver for making the pier well being repeatedly drawn up by the base and released until a hole in the ground sufficiently deep is formed. The soil immediately outside is solidly compacted. Timbering or shoring of the sides of the excavation are unnecessary, and workmen are not exposed to danger from cave-ins or deleterious gases, as in ordinary digging of deep pits. When the hole is completed, the "rammer" is an acorn-shaped mass of metal 30 inches in diameter and weighing 2 tons—takes the place of the perforator. This rams the bottom of the hole until hard, and compresses the concrete as each layer of about a foot is poured in for the material laterally into the soil. The irregular corrugated surface thus given the pier adds much to its supporting capacity. The system is rapid as well as safe, and the compressed wells can be sunk 4 or 5 feet an hour.

LONG DORMANT MEMORY.

Memory handed down through 30 generations is one of the perplexing facts of science. The beaver floundered along French rivers until killed off for its fur, but is now known only in about a dozen of its villages on the Rhone near Avignon. For three centuries these villages have had no trees to cut down for dams. The animals were compelled to adopt a new mode of life, and have burrowed in the banks, shaping mud with their tails as usual. Recently some of them were taken by a Polish count to forests on his estates. Very strangely, they resumed the habits dropped three centuries before they were born, and at once began eating trees and building dams.

STAGE DAYLIGHT.

The stage lighting of Merisano Fortury of Venice is a reflection of arc lamp rays from strips of light and dark cloth. The light and dark can be varied, and the reflectors, on rollers, can be moved so as to give the best effects. An arching sky strengthens the illusion of diffused daylight.

THE TELEPHONE IN CHINA.

A member of the Chinese Board of Communications, which controls the telephone system in China, has been expressing himself very enthusiastically in American about the extension of the communication in that country. He said to the interviewer that he believed that every city of sufficient magnitude within the Empire would possess telephone facilities within a very few years, and the American Consul-General in Tientsin, who reports the construction, urges American manufacturers not already in touch with the Board of Communications to send representatives to Peking. The Consul-General himself is strongly impressed with the possibilities of the market for telephones in North China, where the use of electricity is greatly favoured. A trading company in Tientsin has offered to the Consul-General to take up an agency for American manufacturers of electrical supplies.

INCREASED COST OF LIVING.

Nearly all over the world, people are grumbling about the increased cost of living. In England and France, in Australia, in the United States, and many other places, as well as in South Africa, the ordinary housewife says she is finding it harder week by week to make both ends meet.

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[LONDON "EXPRESS" CORRESPONDENT.]

New York, Feb. 16.

Mr. Champ Clark, the Speaker-elect of the House of Representatives, could have had his ill-advised and offensive references to the annexation of Canada expunged from the "Congressional Record" by simply directing the Government printer to omit the passages which have so seriously embarrassed President Taft and his supporters.

He prefers, however, to leave them on the official record of the proceedings of the House. The House journal reports him thus:—
"Mr. Clark: 'I'm for it [Canadian reciprocity] because I hope to see the day when the American flag will float over every square foot of the British North American possessions clear to the North Pole. They speak our language, their institutions are much like ours, they are trained in the difficult art of self-government. My judgment is that if the treaty of 1854 [Canadian reciprocity treaty] had never been abrogated, the chances of the consolidation of the two countries would have been much greater than they are now.'"

Mr. Martin (South Dakota): Will the gentleman favour the abrogation of our tariff law entirely as far as Canada is concerned, making free trade with Canada in all products?

Mr. Clark: By taking Canada in to become part of the United States, yes. I favour this treaty because it helps along universal peace.

Mr. Norris: I wanted to ask the gentleman something along the line of universal peace. As I understand it, the gentleman favours this Bill for at least one reason: it will have the tendency in the end to bring Canada into the Union.

Mr. Clark: Yes, I have no doubt about that. Mr. Norris: Will that have the tendency to preserve peace with Great Britain?

Mr. Clark: Why, certainly it will, I have no doubt whatever that the day is not far distant when Great Britain will joyfully see all her North American possessions become part of this republic. That is the way things are tending now.

(Clark assumed a colloquy between Mr. Clark and several Republican members. Mr. Clark, choosing the Republicans with not having favoured reciprocity in the past—a really demerit doctrine mentioned in Article 24 of the reciprocity treaty negotiated by the late President McKinley, which the Federal Senate killed, "The Congressional Record" then reports this dialogue):

Mr. Hill: I have never been sour (?) since the organization of the Republican party, but reciprocity treaties have been in operation at the very time to which the gentleman refers. The Hawaiian reciprocity treaty was in operation.

Mr. Clark: And we had that reciprocity treaty with the Sandwich Islands because from the very beginning we proposed to swallow them whole.

(This refers to America's subsequent annexation of Hawaii.) Mr. Clark's concluding sentence of his speech was:

Mr. Clark: I favour this Bill because it enlarges our markets, because it brings us into closer relations, and because in days to come it will increase the prospects of consolidation of these two great continents.

(Examination of the "Congressional Record" shows the following annexation speech, delivered during Tuesday night's debate in the House by one of the Republican leaders of the State of New York):

Mr. Young: The United States and Canada are divided by the surveyor's line, which should never be considered. Who knows what will be the future relations of the United States and the population of the Canadian Dominion fifty years hence?—a population possibly composed of a majority of Americans. Who can tell what may come through friendly relationship with the Mother-country of both the United States and Canada? It seems as though in the course of time the American continent will contain one people, living under one flag.

Mr. Young's speech was not reported in the American newspapers, which similarly disregarded the references made by Mr. Clark and Mr. Hill to annexation until criticisms in Great Britain and Canada compelled the Press to cease concealing the annexation movement.

Many speeches made during the debate in the House of Representatives have been withheld from the Record for revision. It will not be known how other Congressmen treated annexation until later issues of the official record have been made public, as the American newspapers are doing everything possible to support President Taft's efforts to hide the annexation sentiment.

CANADIAN COMMENT.

It is evident that the Canadian newspapers will not allow the future Speaker to escape very easily. Here is an example of opinion telegraphed to New York to-day from Toronto, which resembles scores of others from the Canadian Press:

President Taft, who intends to go to the polls again next year, is straining every nerve to push through a scheme which he knows the people want. He has not been so outspoken as Mr. Clark, for he is a more practical diplomat. There was an annexationist movement in 1812, and we mean no unfriendliness to our neighbours in recalling the fact that the men of the day gave their answer at Queenston Heights and Chateaugay, but that is ancient history. Most of us to-day are more interested in peace missions and celebrations of a century which has not heard a hostile shot.

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The New York papers vie with each other in anathematizing Mr. Clark for handicapping President Taft in his efforts to secure the passage of the agreement. The New York Sun says:

It would be attributing too much practical intelligence to Mr. Clark to imagine for a moment that his blaring indiscretion was deliberate, or that it was a Machiavellian device to create difficulty which would throw the whole question into a special session of Congress. His simple soul is above such accomplished guile as that.

The glorious thing about the affair is that such a rather-headed statesman should have been taken tenaciously by the Democrats in the next House for an office which ranks next in importance to that of the Chief Executive.

If there is any excuse for Mr. Clark it is to be found in the fact that he has been so long one of an irresponsible minority, and so able to say what he pleased, that he finds it difficult to orient himself as leader of the future majority who will have to be responsible for their words as well as their deeds.

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CHAPTER XII. THE FORBIDDEN ISLE.

A small house-boat was moving slowly in a Northerly direction over the central part of the Inland Sea. In the evening, and the heavens were dyed with the hues of a glorious sunset, and the waters were flooded with subdued reflections of prismatic light; while far ahead in the dim distance of the horizon the last rays of the fast-sinking sun rested upon a solitary island which glimmered like a jewel upon the glassy sea. Coming from that direction was a trailing junk whose amber-coloured sails idly fluttered amidst the light and shade, and quivering upon the silent depths, quickly darkened with the deepening gloom; and between this craft, and the remote island was the golden gleam of yet another sail.

The house-boat's lateen sail was hauled down as there was no wind, but the vessel was being propelled by means of a large yulloo pushed over the stern and worked by a venerable-looking man and a youth who expatiated the evening on the forward deck of the boat as Guy Merton, who was now dressed in the flowing kimono of a Japanese gentleman.

Nearly six weeks had elapsed since his departure from Nagasaki, and during that time he had not seen anything of Uena, though he had frequently heard of her and been able to trace her movements. For she was far better known than he had supposed, particularly on the southern shores of the Inland Sea, where her first success as a singer had been achieved; and although only seen at long intervals her fame had gradually spread about the people spoke of her as "Uena, the Geisha Queen." Yet she was as much a mystery to them as to him, and many of the simple-minded fisher folk regarded her in a superstitious light and spoke of her voice and her beauty as supernatural; and some told strange stories of her wealth and her beneficence; and a few declared that she came from an enchanted isle in the middle of the Inland Sea.

It was strange, this mysterious life that Merton was now approaching after long days of searching, for he was determined to see for himself whether she was any truth in the strange and romantic stories he had heard concerning her dwelling-place. He had traced her from place to place—though always arriving a few days after she had left—and had just heard of her at a seaside town called Kokoro, so it seemed probable that she had gone out to sea.

After leaving Nagasaki he had gone by rail straight to Kyōto and from there round the coast to the Eastern terminus at Utsunomiya. Not planning any halting of her at either of those places, not at the intervening stations, he had returned to Kyōto, where he stayed one evening to see her photograph on some old poster outside a theatre and learned from the manager that she had sung there five days previously and had gone on to Fukuoka. At the latter town he arrived three days too late, and it so happened that he always missed her in this manner during the rest of the journey to the coast.

He was now leisurely scanning the approaching junk through his binocular glasses. It was a fairly large vessel and was being yullooed, with the weird chant of the men and the creaking of the long oars they were working could be heard distinctly. When they were within speaking distance of one another, he stood up and spoke in Japanese to the skipper who was leaning over the rail of the high-raised poop.

"Calm weather, Captain—where are you from?"

"From Akashi, my master, bound to Hiji with a cargo of cotton yarn."

"Do you think we shall have any wind to-night?"

"Not more than a gentle breeze, my master. The night-wind generally comes from the West."

"Is that a fishing junk yonder?" pointing to the distant sail.

"It seems, my master, like a small passenger boat; but I think there are only two persons on board of her."

Merton's heart gave a bound of expectation.

"A man and a woman, Captain?"

"Yes, my master," said the skipper laughing gruffly. "The woman is as pretty as a picture—but the man looks like a pirate; he has the face of a monkey."

Merton smiled and waved his hand.

"Sayonara, Captain—a pleasant voyage to you."

"The same to you, my master—Sayonara!"

The junk passed on to the southward, and Merton—who felt sure that Uena and Katsura were in the vessel ahead—told the old man and the boy to yulloo as fast as they could. But their arms were tired, for they had been toiling at the oar nearly all day; and although hours had passed and that remote speck of canvas had changed from white to silver and from silver to gold, yet it seemed as distant as ever and would soon altogether fade from sight. Nevertheless they brightened up for a while and singing their monotonous chant redoubled their efforts, and the old man pointed hopefully towards the west, where a light mist hovered upon the horizon.

Night soon fell, shutting out from their view the departing junk and the sail of the other vessel, but there was a full moon and the atmosphere was so clear that it was possible to see a considerable distance. Being the middle of November, the nights were cold and inclined to be frosty, though the days were fairly warm; so Merton put on a kimono lined with silver-fox skin and took his place at the yulloo, for he was determined to follow Uena and see if she landed on the island.

Presently a breeze came rippling along out of the west, and the sail was hoisted. Fortunately the boat was a fast one and soon began to throw the spray over her weather bow; and after the man and boy had rested themselves and had their evening meal of rice and fish, during which time Merton took the tiller, they still increased the speed by again working the yulloo.

"She flies like a gull, my master!" exclaimed the old man, hauling the sheet in a little.

"But the breeze freshens too fast to last long."

"Will it last us to the island?" asked Merton.

"Yes, my master, it will do that. For she makes a good seven knots an hour, and the island was not more than eight miles distant at sundown."

Onward they sped through the moonlight, and over an hour passed without anything being sighted. Then the island loomed into view pale and silvery on the lee bow.

Merton now went below to warm himself at a small charcoal stove and have some refreshment; and while he was there he heard a sudden shout, and the boy opened the door and inserted his head.

"The boat, my master!" he cried excitedly, hurrying away to rejoin the old man at the yulloo.

Snatching up his glasses, Merton went on deck and at once caught sight of the island, which was close ahead, and the black hull of the boat whose sail had been lowered as it had run out of the breeze and entered a region of calm, the waters in the vicinity of the island being as still and glassy as a frozen lake. But the small craft was making good way, being yullooed vigorously, and was still too far distant for those on board to be distinguished at all plainly.

Soon afterwards Merton perceived a huge stone fort or gateway, like those he had seen in Shinto temples, rising out of the water in front of the island, and in the middle of it—suspended from the top—hung a large orb of polished metal which reflected the brightness of the moon.

"What is that?" he asked the old man, handing him his glasses.

"That, my master, is the great gong of the island," was the reply, "and no boat can approach the island without passing under that great way and something the going."

"Why is that?"

"Well, my master, a reef surrounds the island on all sides, and—"

At that moment a deep sonorous sound boomed across the waters and was repeated thrice, the noise being so great as to drown the voice of the speaker. And as Merton turned with a start he saw that the other boat had passed through the gateway.

"They have sounded the gong, my master," said the old man, "and have passed the barrier."

"And we," said Merton, "will pass in after them."

"No, my master, that may not be," answered the old man, shaking his head and smiling grimly. "That is a forbidden island, and I know no man who has ever been there. It is a strange and secret place. More I do not know, but this boat may not pass through the gateway."

"Nonsense!" exclaimed Merton. "Yonder boat has passed through!"

"That is true, my master, but those in it must belong to the island, for they have entered boldly and have made known their coming."

"And we will enter boldly!"

"No, no, my master," and the old man hauled down the sail, for they were now in the calm waters and no breath of air ruffled the mirrorlike surface. "I have brought you to this island, but my boat may not pass beyond the barrier."

"Not if I pay for you extra?"

The old man shook his head sagely and again smiled.

"My hair is grey and my body feeble, but when my time comes I would find rest among my native hills and among the bones of my honorable ancestors who were all good samurai who sailed these seas. But they were wise men, and none of them left their barks on yonder reef or their bones on yonder isle."

"Very well," said Merton doggedly, "then I must get ashore as best I can—but ashore I will go! Find me the narrowest part of the lagoon!"

As they drew still nearer to the mysterious island, he was struck with its singular beauty. Forest trees festooned with creepers and having a thick undergrowth of semi-tropical vegetation fringed the shore on every side and the beach was of a light coloured sand which gleamed like silver in the moonlight, and between the island and the jagged reef which surrounded it was a deep lagoon whose shadowy waters were never disturbed by the wintery gales which at times swept across the Inland Sea.

Before they arrived at the colossal gateway which guarded the passage through the reef, the old man gave the long oar a sudden turn which deflected the course of the boat causing it to skirt the margin of the rocks without going too near.

No sound came from the island, yet the old samurai appeared nervous, and distrustful and kept a vigilant eye upon the dark woods along the shore at the same time endeavoring to dissuade Merton from his rash enterprise and frequently cautioning him that their movements would be closely watched. But he paid little heed to these well-meant warnings, being determined to get to the bottom of the mystery which surrounded Uena's life; and when at length they arrived at a spot on the north-western side of the island where the lagoon was narrowest he prevailed

upon the old man to steer the boat close up to the reef and there hold it fast with a bosthook.

Having examined that part of the island through his glasses, and finding everything quiet and satisfactory, he went into the small cabin for the purpose of divesting himself of his clothing, as he intended to swim ashore.

"Ah, my master," said the old sailor, shrewdly shaking his head, "it is a bold venture, but a foolhardy one. I have entreated you not to risk your precious life upon that forbidden island, but my words have fallen upon ears which have not deigned to hear. As that is the case, my master, and as you may be prevented from returning to this boat, it would be well for me if you would graciously condescend to remunerate me for my humble services."

Merton at once counted out the passage money agreed upon, adding to it a substantial bonus and a couple of yen for the boy; for they had both worked well and served him willingly.

"Here, my good man," he said, handing the silver to the older samurai, "this is for yourself and this for the boy. You need not wait just here, for if I come back it will be through the great archway. So you can lay off the northern entrance for three days. If you do not hear from me by then, you can return to Kokoro and post this letter. Take care of the few things I have left, as I may want them."

"Thank you, thank you, my master," said the old man, bowing with all humility and speaking in guarded tones as though afraid of being heard from the shore. "We are both grateful to you for your gracious benevolence and will obey your commands with cheerfulness. May the gods preserve you, my master: we will pray for you!"

Merton now took off his clothes, and placing his loaded revolver, some cartridges, a flask of neat brandy and his watch and cigarette case with them, rolled them into a small bundle which he strapped securely to the top of his head. Having done this, he stepped on deck and stood for a moment or two shivering in the moonlight, while the old man and boy rubbed some sweet oil upon him.

"Swim slowly, my master, and swim fast, or you may get the cramp. For the water is cold and deep."

Merton took a last searching look at the spot where he intended to land, and as nothing aroused his suspicion he clambered out on the reef, and waving adieu to those in the boat quickly let himself down into the waters of the lagoon and struck out boldly for the shore.

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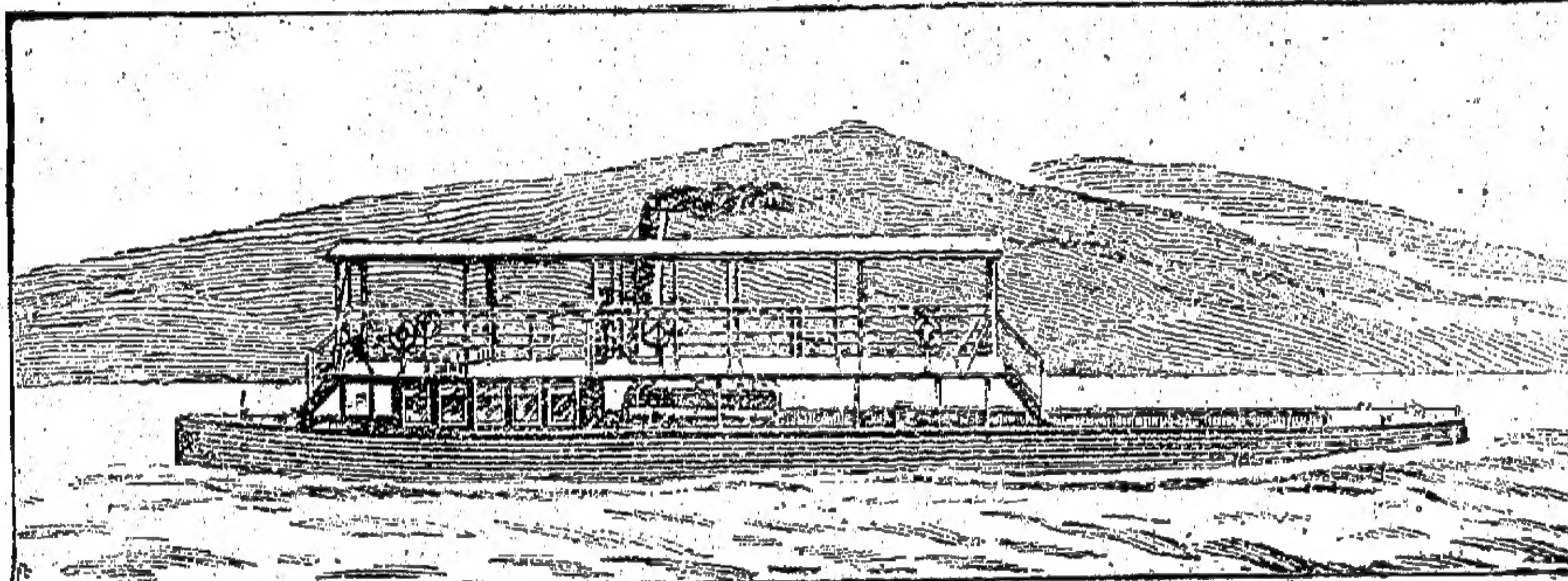
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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Saturday, 25th Mar., 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	HANGSANG	Sunday, 26th Mar., 10 Light.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA LAISANG	CHONGSANG	Tuesday, 28th Mar., Noon.
TIENTSIN	CHONGSANG	Tuesday, 28th Mar., Noon.

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HONGKONG, 24th March, 1911.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:

S.S. SUEVIA	7th April
S.S. BAYERN	20th April
S.S. PREINFELS	6th May
S.S. SCANDIA	18th May
S.S. SLAVONIA	4th June
S.S. SAXONIA	15th June

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FOR BREMEN, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:	TO SAIL
S.S. AMBIA	25th March.
FOR HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:	
S.S. PREUSSEN	1st April
FOR MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:	
S.S. ALEZIA	14th April
FOR HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:	
S.S. RHEINFELS	22nd April
FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:	
S.S. SENEGAMBIA	24th April
FOR ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:	
S.S. BELGRAVIA	10th May

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Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1911.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG— SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Fraser	9,000	WED. DAY, 29th Mar., at Daylight
	TANGO MARU Capt. K. Kawara	8,000	WED. DAY, 12th April, at Daylight
	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer	9,000	WED. DAY, 25th April, at Daylight
	SADO MARU Capt. J. Richards	7,000	SATURDAY, 25th April, from KOBE
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	INABA MARU Capt. Tominaga	7,000	TUESDAY, 28th March, at Noon.
SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Noda	7,000	TUESDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	FRIDAY, 14th April, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	5,000	FRIDAY, 12th May, at Noon.
	BINGO MARU Capt. S. J. G. Parsons	7,000	WED. DAY, 29th March
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	AKI MARU Capt. K. Honma	6,000	THURSDAY, 30th Mar., at 11 A.M.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	CEYLON MARU Capt. Fred. Pyne	7,000	TUESDAY, 4th April
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	WED. DAY, 12th April, at Noon

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Steamers.	Tons.	Leave H.K.	RATES OF PASSAGE.
HIRANO MARU	9000	29th Mar.	1st Class S Y. 550.00
TANGO	8000	12th April	2nd Class S Y. 350.00
KAMO	9000	25th April	1st Class S Y. 550.00
AKI	7000	10th May	2nd Class S Y. 350.00
MISHIMA	7000	24th May	1st Class S Y. 550.00
KAGA	7000	7th June	2nd Class S Y. 350.00

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Steamers.	Tons.	Leave H.K.	RATES OF PASSAGE.
INABA MARU	7000	28th Mar.	To Pacific Coast Common Points: 1st Class S \$30, 2nd Class S \$21
TAMBA	7000	25th April	To Pacific Coast Common Points: 1st Class S \$30, 2nd Class S \$21
AWA	7000	23rd May	To London via New York: 1st Class S \$50, 2nd Class S \$30
INABA	7000	20th June	To London via New York: 1st Class S \$50, 2nd Class S \$30

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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 24th April, at 1 P.M.
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 29th April, at 1 P.M.
KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY, 27th May, at 1 P.M.
SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 9th June, at 1 P.M.
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 24th June, at 1 P.M.
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 15th July, at 1 P.M.
KOREA	18,000	FRIDAY, 11th Aug., at 1 P.M.
SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 26th Aug., at 1 P.M.

All Steamers are Equipped with Wireless Telegraphy.

THE P.M. S.S. "MANCHURIA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 8th April, at 1 P.M.

FARES: HONGKONG TO LONDON £71 10s. 0d. RETURN, SIX MONTHS, £120; 24 MONTHS, £125; INCLUDING BERTH AND MEALS ACROSS AMERICA.

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INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

CHINA	10,200 Tons	FRIDAY, 31st March, at 1 P.M.
ASIA	9,500 Tons	FRIDAY, 21st April, at 1 P.M.
PERSIA	9,000 Tons	FRIDAY, 19th May, at 1 P.M.

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F. J. HALTON, AGENT.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING
CHIYO MARU	21,000	W. W. Greene	FRIDAY, April 14th, 1 P.M.
AMERICA MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY, May 5th, 1 P.M.
TENYO MARU	21,000	E. Bent	FRIDAY, May 12th, 1 P.M.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	H. S. Smith	FRIDAY, June 2nd, 1 P.M.

† Triple Screws, turbine engines. * Twin Screws.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING
BUYO MARU	10,500	K. Hashimoto	WED. DAY, April 19th, 1 P.M.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	H. Hinojima	SATURDAY, June 17th, 1 P.M.
KIYO MARU	17,500	H. Nishi	TUESDAY, Aug. 15th, 1 P.M.

THE Steamer "BUYO MARU" will be despatched for MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO, SALINA CRUZ, CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO and CORONEL on WEDNESDAY, 19th April, at 1 P.M.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TONS (Gross reg.)	LEAVES.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA	MEXICO MARU	6,054	TUESDAY, 4th April, at Daylight
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	CHICAGO MARU	6,182	WED. DAY, 19th April, at Daylight

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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES.
TAMUI via SWATOW and AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 26th Mar., at 10 A.M.
SWATOW	"SOSHU MARU"	TUESDAY, 28th Mar., at 10 A.M.
TAKAO and ANPING	"SEIBETORO MARU"	TUESDAY, 28th Mar., at 5 P.M.
FOOCHOW via SWATOW	"CHOSHUN MARU"	FRIDAY, 31st Mar., at 8 A.M.

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AND RETURN.
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STEAMSHIPS	CAPTAIN	LEAVING.
"HAICHANG"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	TUESDAY, 28th Mar., at 11 A.M.
"HAIYANG"	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	FRIDAY, 31st Mar., at 11 A.M.
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. S. Rosch	TUESDAY, 4th April, at 11 A.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

"HAIMUN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	SUNDAY, 26th Mar., at 10 A.M.
		WED. DAY, 29th Mar., at 11 A.M.

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Hongkong, 25th March, 1911.

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